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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 4691

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TAGS: PFOR, SP, SS, MO

SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA

REF: MADRID 4671

1. I HAVE BEEN GIVING FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO RESPONSES WHICH WE MIGHT GIVE TO SPANISH REQUEST FOR US ASSISTANCE WITH MOROCCANS IN CONNECTION WITH SPANISH PROPOSAL TO CALL A FOUR - POWER CONFERENCE ON THE SPANISH SAHARA. THIS REQUEST WAS MOST RECENTLY FORMULATED DURING CONVERSATION WHICH SPANISH UNDER SECRETARY ROVIRA HAD WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO IN WASHINGTON LAST MONTH. ROVIRA HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SINCE INQUIRED WHEN A REPLY MIGHT BE RECEIVED.

2. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT GOS DOES NOT EXPECT ANY SUCCESS IN ITS EFFORTS TO CONVOKE A FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE IN MADRID ON JULY 9 AND THAT, UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, GOS WILL TURN TO UNSYG WALDHEIM TO URGE HIM TO TRY HIS HAND.

3. I DO NOT THINK THAT IT WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH OUR  
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STATED POSITION OF "NEUTRALITY" TO MAKE ANY APPROACH TO

MOROCCANS, MAURITANIANS OR ALGERIANS IN SUPPORT OF GOS EFFORTS TO CONVOKE A CONFERENCE IN MADRID. I WOULD, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT WE GIVE NO REPLY TO GOS ON BASIS ROVIRA'S APPROACH TO SISCO, BUT RATHER LET MATTERS REST UNTIL SUCH TIME AS GOS DECIDES TO GO TO WALDHEIM TO URGE HIM TO TRY TO CONVOKE A MEETING.

4. I RECOMMEND THAT AT THAT STAGE, WE TELL GOS THAT WE WILL CONFIDENTIALLY SUPPORT WITH WALDHEIM THE CONVOCATION OF A FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE UNDER UN AUSPICES. SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH OUR POSITION THAT MATTERS SHOULD BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY AMONGST INTERESTED PARTIES AND WOULD ALSO BALANCE, TO SOME EXTENT, ACTION WHICH WE TOOK LAST DECEMBER IN VOTING FOR MOROCCAN RESOLUTION PUTTING SAHARA QUESTION TO ICJ- AN ACTION WHICH CAUSED SOME UNHAPPINESS IN MADRID.  
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